

I am writing to request that the FCC expand opportunities for citizens to produce and air noncommercial Low Power FM radio. This is an inspiring use of the public airwaves and a critical function of participatory democracy to benefit our local communities. What good is freedom of speech when corporations can purchase the loudest megaphones? College and University radio should not be the only venue for training youth, church groups, and elderly to share their views on important issues of the day. I expect you will be lobbied by companies who will complain that low-power FM radio will reduce their revenue. This may be true. But please remember that your mandate is to protect the public interests, not private profit. Thank you.